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FOR EA/IMS - AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE UNDERHILL

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE FRANCIS T. UNDERHILL

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT OF POSSIBLE ARRIVAL STATEMENT:

2. QUOTE. MRS. UNDERHILL AND I ARE DELIGHTED TO RETURN TO MALAYSIA, WHERE WE SERVED FOR TWO HAPPY AND INTERESTING YEARS FROM 1961 TO 1963. IN ADDITION TO WITNESSING THE IMPORTANT HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENTS OF THOSE YEARS, WE MADE MANY FRIENDS WHOM WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING AGAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. FROM OUR CONTINUING INTEREST AND CONTACTS WITH MALAYSIA, WE ARE AWARE THAT THERE HAS BEEN MUCH PROGRESS, PROSPERITY AND CHANGE SINCE 1963. THE FEDERATION HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS DURABILITY, THE ECONOMY HAS FLOURISHED, SOCIAL PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED REALISTICALLY AND VIGOROUSLY, AND MALAYSIA HAS MOVED ONTO THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE TO COMMAND ATTENTION AND ADMIRATION ON EVERY CONTINENT.

4. THROUGHOUT THIS PAST DECADE SINCE MY DEPARTURE, ASIA HAS SIMILARLY WITNESSED HISTORICAL CHANGES, AND IN THE PERIOD OF MY NEW ASSIGNMENT I ANTICIPATE FURTHER EVENTS OF GREAT INTEREST TO US ALL. THIS INTEREST WILL BE HEIGHTENED BY THE FACT THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL VIEW THEM FROM A BACKDROP OF EXCELLENT BILATERAL RELATIONS AND AGAINST THE PERSPECTIVE OF AMERICAN

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AND MALAYSIAN GOALS WHICH ARE HIGHLY SIMILAR AND CONVERGING.

FOR MY PART, I WILL SEEK TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES DEVELOPED BY MY
PREDECESSORS, AND TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
MALAYSIANS AND AMERICANS AT ALL LEVELS OF OUR RESPECTIVE
SOCIETIES. END QUOTE.

5. IF YOU CAN CONFIRM FINAL TEXT PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AND HAVE
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